



Small Business & DVBE Services Branch

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"Bringing Business & Government Together"

This publication details services provided by the Department of General Services for the Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business communities during the previous months.

Please join us for the **5th Annual State Agency Recognition Awards (SARA)** on October 27, 2004. The SARA Awards recognize and celebrate the state agencies that have demonstrated best practices in achieving contracting participation with Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises. This important event will be held from 10:00 am to Noon at the Ziggurat Auditorium in West Sacramento. **Contact Patti Cummins at (916) 375-4589** for more information.

Outreach

• July—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:

- Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Hawthorne
- Procurement and Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), LA County
- Asian Alliance Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento
- Contracting Opportunities Center, San Diego
- Supplier Development Council Operation Opportunity 2004, San Diego
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce First Annual Business Expo, Temecula
- PTAC, Riverside
- Latin Business Owners of America (LBOA) 5th Annual Latino Emerging Business Expo, Lakeside

• August—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:

- Small Business Contracting Connections, Whittier
- Chamber of Commerce Procurement Fair, Santa Ana
- National Convention for Small and Disabled Veteran Businesses, San Diego.
- CA Black Chamber of Commerce, Long Beach
- CA State Hispanic Chambers of Commerce's 25th Annual State Convention and Business Expo, Anaheim

• September—participated in Exhibitions and Presentations for small businesses at:

- Orange County Transportation Authority Small Business Conference and Vendor Fair, Anaheim
- CA Minority Business Expo sponsored by the Black Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles

Updates

New Small Business regulations went into effect on September 9, 2004. The new regulations contain significant changes to small business certification and contracting. If you have not already become familiar with the new regulations, please log on to the Procurement Division's homepage at **www.dgs.ca.gov/pd** and click on **Small Business**.

